

In Memoriam

Dr. Avon Crismore, professor emerita in English, passed away on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the age of 89. A faculty member in the Department of English and Linguistics at IPFW since 1985, Avon retired in 2013 after a distinguished teaching and scholarly career. Avon's teaching career began in 1969 in the high school setting, her love of teaching and her engagement with her students demonstrated by a commitment to international students and minority students. Following her 16-year tenure at Northern Wells Community School in Ossian, Avon began her doctoral studies at the University of Illinois in 1980, a program of study she completed in 1984. Focusing on reading studies and writing program administration for a pedagogically-informed teaching curriculum, Avon began her university career at IPFW in 1985. During her time at IPFW, Avon also taught in Malaysia in 1995, teaching introductory writing and literature courses to students in an ESL-environment. An active scholar throughout her career, Avon published a broad array of studies dealing with metadiscourse and the international classroom. In her honor, the department created a student award in her honor, the Avon Crismore Award, which the department bestows each year to returning adult students who excel in the field of composition and rhetoric. The department was richly blessed by her passion for teaching and her commitment to global instruction.